

Union Calendar No. 353

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3199

[Report No. 111-608]

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2009

Ms. HARMAN (for herself, Ms. BEAN, and Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Additional sponsors: Mr. NYE, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, and Mr. MCNERNEY

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 14, 2009]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Medic Tran-*
 5 *sition Act of 2010” or the “EMT Act of 2010”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMERGENCY**
 7 **MEDICAL TRAINING TO BECOME STATE-LI-**
 8 **CENSED OR CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL**
 9 **TECHNICIANS (EMTS).**

10 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title III of the Public*
 11 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by*
 12 *inserting after section 314 the following:*

13 **“SEC. 315. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMER-**
 14 **GENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO BECOME**
 15 **STATE-LICENSED OR CERTIFIED EMERGENCY**
 16 **MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMTS).**

17 **“(a) PROGRAM.—***The Secretary shall establish a pro-*
 18 *gram consisting of awarding grants to States to assist vet-*
 19 *erans who received and completed military emergency med-*
 20 *ical training while serving in the Armed Forces of the*
 21 *United States to become, upon their discharge or release*
 22 *from active duty service, State-licensed or certified emer-*
 23 *gency medical technicians.*

24 **“(b) USE OF FUNDS.—***Amounts received as a grant*
 25 *under this section may be used to assist veterans described*

1 *in subsection (a) to become State-licensed or certified emer-*
2 *gency medical technicians as follows:*

3 “(1) *Providing to such veterans required course*
4 *work and training that take into account, and are*
5 *not duplicative of, medical course work and training*
6 *received when such veterans were active members of*
7 *the Armed Forces of the United States, to enable such*
8 *veterans to satisfy emergency medical services per-*
9 *sonnel certification requirements in the civilian sec-*
10 *tor, as determined by the appropriate State regu-*
11 *latory entity.*

12 “(2) *Providing reimbursement for costs associ-*
13 *ated with—*

14 “(A) *such course work and training; or*

15 “(B) *applying for licensure or certification.*

16 “(3) *Expediting the licensing or certification*
17 *process.*

18 “(4) *Entering into an agreement with any insti-*
19 *tution of higher education, or other educational insti-*
20 *tution certified to provide course work and training*
21 *to emergency medical personnel, for purposes of pro-*
22 *viding course work and training under this section if*
23 *such institution has developed a suitable curriculum*
24 *that meets the requirements of paragraph (1).*

1 “(c) *ELIGIBILITY.*—To be eligible for a grant under
2 this section, a State shall demonstrate to the Secretary’s sat-
3 isfaction that the State has a shortage of emergency medical
4 technicians.

5 “(d) *REPORT.*—The Secretary shall submit to the Con-
6 gress an annual report on the program under this section.

7 “(e) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—To carry
8 out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated
9 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.”.

10 (b) *GAO STUDY AND REPORT.*—The Comptroller Gen-
11 eral of the United States shall—

12 (1) *conduct a study on the barriers experienced*
13 *by veterans who received training as medical per-*
14 *sonnel while serving in the Armed Forces of the*
15 *United States and, upon their discharge or release*
16 *from active duty service, seek to become licensed or*
17 *certified in a State as civilian health professionals;*
18 *and*

19 (2) *not later than 2 years after the date of the*
20 *enactment of this Act, submit to the Congress a report*
21 *on the results of such study, including recommenda-*
22 *tions on whether the program established under sec-*
23 *tion 315 of the Public Health Service Act, as added*
24 *by subsection (a), should be expanded to assist vet-*
25 *erans seeking to become licensed or certified in a*

- 1 *State as health providers other than emergency med-*
- 2 *ical technicians.*

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